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## OPA Daily Digest for 9/25/14

### Congressional Inquiries:

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) – Email – 9/5/14: Deed restriction on contaminated property near the Missouri Electric Works site in Cape Girardeau. Due: 9/12/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### State Government Inquiries:

None

### Press Inquiries:

**Iowa City Press-Citizen** – Holly Hines – 9/25/14: Questions about violations of NPDES permit by Twin County Dairy of Kalona, Iowa. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**Rad Waste Monitor** – Jeremy Dillon – 9/25/14: Requesting statement from EPA about PRP's analysis of SSE in the Bridgeton landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

### Environmental Stories:

**Des Moines Register - Branstad: EPA chief misled ethanol producers, farmers** - 9/25/14 - As the White House moves closer to a decision on how much ethanol should be included in the gasoline supply, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad charged the head of the agency overseeing the mandate with being misleading in her support for renewable fuels.  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/2014/09/25/ethanol-producers-farmers-misled-branstad-epa-chief-administrator-ag-economy-midwest/16192409/>

**Des Moines Register - Iowa ahead in meeting carbon reduction goals** - 9/25/14 - Continued growth of wind energy in Iowa places it ahead of other states in meeting a proposed rule that would require existing power plants to cut carbon emissions, a leader with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says.  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/business/2014/09/25/carbon-reduction-goals-energy-wind/16192701/>

**Mother Jones - What's the Matter With Sam Brownback?** - 9/25/14 - ONE WEDNESDAY afternoon in mid-August, Govs. Sam Brownback of Kansas and Chris Christie of New Jersey stopped for a photo op—and \$54 worth of pork ribs and sausages—at Oklahoma Joe's, a gas station barbecue joint on the outer fringe of Kansas City.  
<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/09/sam-brownback-kansas-paul-davis>

**St. Louis Public Radio - 9/24/14 - What The EPA Has To Say About The West Lake Landfill** — And Why Everything Is Taking So Long - Quite a bit of information has come out

over the past month about the West Lake and Bridgeton Landfills — some of it contradictory and confusing. So when EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks offered up an interview — about something else — I took advantage of my time with him to try to clear up some of that confusion.  
<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/what-epa-has-say-about-west-lake-landfill-and-why-everything-taking-so-long>

**Newton Daily News (Iowa) - Iowa Biodiesel hosting GOP event in Newton** - 9/25/14 - Iowa biodiesel producers and soybean farmers will host Gov. Terry Branstad, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and U.S. Senate hopeful Joni Ernst at Newton's REG, one of the state's 12 biodiesel plants Thursday.  
<http://www.newtdailynews.com/2014/09/25/iowa-biodiesel-hosting-gop-event-in-newton/aj4yiv2/>

**Wired - New Generation of GM Crops Puts Agriculture in a 'Crisis Situation'** - 9/25/14 - With the first of a new generation of genetically engineered crops ready to hit the market, the battle lines are being drawn.  
<http://www.wired.com/2014/09/new-gm-crops/>

**St. Joseph News-Press - EPA wants input before writing regulations** - 9/25/14 - When Congress passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, it didn't just defend the mighty Mississippi or Missouri rivers from pollution. It also protected smaller streams and wetlands that flow into rivers like the Platte and Chariton in Missouri. Streams and wetlands are crucial for fishing, hunting, tourism, agriculture and businesses.  
[http://www.newspressnow.com/opinion/your\\_letters/article\\_38421c72-977c-5173-ba97-1571dcabadbd.html](http://www.newspressnow.com/opinion/your_letters/article_38421c72-977c-5173-ba97-1571dcabadbd.html)

**York News-Times (Neb.) - Time to listen** - 9/25/14 - In June, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the first-ever greenhouse gas performance standards for existing power plants. If implemented, these new limits on emissions would mean a massive restructuring of America's power grid.  
[http://www.yorknewstimes.com/editorial/time-to-listen/article\\_066bf2a4-4472-11e4-af6f-1f0798636c1e.html](http://www.yorknewstimes.com/editorial/time-to-listen/article_066bf2a4-4472-11e4-af6f-1f0798636c1e.html)

**Washington Examiner - EPA chief McCarthy: Climate regulations good for economy** - 9/25/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said acting on climate change is a financial imperative in a Thursday speech, hitting back at critics who say Obama administration environmental policies will damage the economy.  
<http://washingtonexaminer.com/epa-chief-mccarthy-climate-regulations-good-for-economy/article/2553942>

**Forbes - McCarthy Defends Natural Gas** - 9/25/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy defended today the Administration's reliance on natural gas to meet its greenhouse-gas reduction goals.  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffmcmahon/2014/09/25/mccarthy-defends-natural-gas/>

**The Hill - EPA chief: Climate skeptics 'sad'** - 9/25/14 - Environmental Protection Agency chief Gina McCarthy on Thursday made a forceful case for action on climate change, arguing moves should be made not "despite the economy" but "because of it."  
<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/218875-epa-chief-climate-skeptics-hiding-behind-the-economy>

**WAMC Radio (Albany, NY) - Many Say EPA's Housatonic River Cleanup Plan Falls Short** - 9/25/14 - Fifteen of the roughly 60 people at the meeting put their comments on the record with many saying the EPA's proposal does not go far enough in removing PCBs from the Housatonic River. Barbara Cianfarini is with the group Citizens for PCB Removal.  
<http://wamc.org/post/many-say-epas-housatonic-river-cleanup-plan-falls-short>

**U.S. News & World Report - EPA's McCarthy: Businesses Believe in Action on Climate** - 9/25/14 - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy pushed back against industry critics and climate skeptics Thursday, declaring that her agency's efforts to curb climate change would boost, not burden, the nation's economy.  
<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/09/25/epas-mccarthy-businesses-believe-in-action-on-climate>

**Midwest Energy News - Exelon says nuclear 'at risk' designation is little help** - 9/25/14 - An executive for the nation's largest nuclear generator said U.S. EPA's proposed carbon plan, which designates 6 percent of the nation's nuclear capacity "at risk" for retirement, provides little help to prop up financially struggling reactors.  
<http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2014/09/25/exelon-says-nuclear-at-risk-designation-is-little-help/>

**Inside EPA - EPA Urged To Limit 'Produced' Water Use As States Craft Stricter Controls** - 9/25/14 - Environmentalists are urging EPA to amend its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) rules to narrow a provision allowing "produced" water from oil and gas operations to be discharged in certain western regions, saying a uniform national policy is necessary given several states' efforts to impose restrictions on the water.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201409252482412/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/epa-urged-to-limit-produced-water-use-as-states-craft-stricter-controls/menu-id-202.html?s=dn>

**Inside EPA - Absent EPA Action, Environmentalists Push State Fracking Waste Bans** - 9/24/14 - Environmentalists are urging states to consider bans on treatment, disposal or storage of hydraulic fracturing wastewater or solid waste absent an EPA decision to re-examine a decades-old determination exempting such waste from Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste rules -- but some observers say such efforts could face constitutional challenges.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201409242482338/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/absent-epa-action-environmentalists-push-state-fracking-waste-bans/menu-id-202.html?s=dn>

**Inside EPA - Industry Faults EPA's 'Zero Tolerance' Policy On Emissions Limit Violations** - 9/25/14 - Industry attorneys are faulting what they call EPA's "zero tolerance" policy on holding facilities liable for all air emissions that exceed permitting limits, saying the agency needs to revise its approach and include in its rules some exemptions or allowances for emissions spikes during plant startups, shutdowns and malfunctions (SSM).

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201409242482337/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/industry-faults-epas-zero-tolerance-policy-on-emissions-limit-violations/menu-id-202.html?s=dn>

## Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

## Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

## Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**9/26/14** – UMKC Climate Action Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147

**9/29/14** – Carter Carburetor Site Tour, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

**9/29/14** – Congressional Briefing, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

**9/30/14** – Strong Cities Strong Communities Update with Mayor Francis Slay, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Charlie Foley, 7710

**9/30/14** – Midwest Energy Policy Conference, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

**10/1/14** – Meeting with Jason Klumb, Regional Administrator for GSA, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**10/2/14** – Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**10/4/14** – Iowa Sierra Club Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

**10/3/14** – Iowa Water Challenges Outreach Event with Brody Middle School, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**10/9/14** – Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environmental Roundtable and Reception, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Dave Bryan, 7433

**10/10/14** – Nebraska State Bar Association, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**10/30/14** – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

**11/12/14** – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on “Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

**11/18/14** – Region 7 Small Business Environmental Assistance Providers, Regional Office. Contact: Gary Bertram, 7533

#### **DRA:**

**10/1/14** – Meeting with Jason Klumb, Regional Administrator for GSA, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**10/7/14** - Employee Appreciation Event, Regional Office contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

**10/30/14** – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

**11/12/14** – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on “Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

#### **RA/Immediate Office**

None

#### **Other Events**

#### **AWMD**

None

#### **CNSL**

None

## **ECO/EJ**

**9/26/2014** – EJ Screen Demonstration, MDNR, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: B. Corazzin, 7429

**9/30/14 - 10/2/14** - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Project Officer Training, Washington, D.C. Contact: Corazzin, 7429

**9/30/14** – National EJ Coordinator’s Meeting in Washington, D.C. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

**10/5-8/14** – Superfund 101 Training, Chicago, Illinois. Contact: A. Moses, 7649

**10/19-22/14** – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, D.C., Contact: D. Singletary, x7373

## **ENSV**

None

## **PLMG**

None

## **RA/OPA**

**9/29-30/14** - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers’ Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

## **SUPR**

**10/7/14** – Greater St. Louis Sub-Area Committee, Industry Day Workshop for spill response strategies on the lower Missouri River, St. Charles, Mo. – Contact: Jeff Weatherford 636-326-4720

**10/22/14** – Public Availability Session to discuss remedial action and the Five Year Review for the Parkview Well Site, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Brad Vann, 7611

## **WWPD**

**9/25/14** – Natural Resources Conservation Service Kansas Technical Committee Meeting, Salina, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**9/30-10/2/14** – North Central Region Water Network’s Water Resource Management Conference, Bloomington, Minn. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**10/8-9/14** – 2014 National CAFO Roundtable, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**10/15-16/14** – Big River Task Force Meeting with Other State and Federal Agencies, Farmington, Mo. Contact: Jeannette Schafer, 7297

**10/20-21/14** – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Alton, Ill. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**11/3-6/14** – EPA Tribal 106 Coordinators Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

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